Baltimore 13 March 1856.

Dear Booth.

Your last was rec'd, and though I felt pleased at your compliance with my wish, I did not think it necessary to trouble you with a reply. Now however, I will say that your wishes in regard to the little shall be faithfully regarded. The book will be out in two or three weeks.

I wrote Mr. Saylor requesting him to purchase me a small Aluminium coin from the Mint as I hear you have some; but not having received an answer, I now ~~with~~ permission to buy you. Enclosed is a gold dollar to pay for it — a quarter of a dollar price with which me & that cannot weigh more than one half drachm.

I was sorry to hear of your babys indisposition. My pet, Edith Providence, has not suffered a days sickness since her birth. She has two teeth through & two more are in a forward state of progress. Her playfulness & intelligence make her the delight of the whole house & she is now the only object on earth that can animate hope or excite energy in me; but the prospect of things has so sadly changed that I work wearily and with but little ambition, even under her cheering influence.

Remember me affectionately to Mrs B & believe me always

Truly & respectfully
Your friend,
Wm Pratt.

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